

2020 Wharton County Youth Fair & Exposition
BAR-B- Q COOK-OFF Rules & Regulations
APRIL 3rd & 4th

1. **BRISKET:** Contestants must cook a minimum of two (2) briskets per space. Briskets will be tagged on Friday, April 3rd, beginning at 1:00 p.m.
2. **CHICKEN:** Contestants must cook at least two (2) fryers.
3. **PORK RIBS:** Contestants must cook at least two (2) slabs of pork ribs.
4. **PINTO BEANS:** Contestants must cook at least three (3) pounds of pinto beans. No meat in beans at judging (sausage, chicken, chunks of bacon, ham hocks, etc.). ALL MEAT MUST BE REMOVED BEFORE JUDGING.
5. **CHILI:** Contestants must cook at least three (3) pounds of beef chili meat, or cubed chuck. No venison meat and/or beans in chili.

***** PLEASE NOTE *****

Pre-cooked meat and beans will not be allowed. A committee person will inspect your uncooked brisket, chicken, pork ribs, chili meat and pinto beans at the time they tag your brisket.

MEAT MAY BE PRE-SEASONED

6. Contestant check in and set up time is between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3rd. If you have any large oversized trailers, please make arrangements to come in early Friday.

However, you may save yourselves time and confusion if you bring you pits/campers, etc. on Thursday, April 2nd after 9:00 a.m.

FRIDAY CHECK IN. BE PREPARED TO UNLOAD AND MOVE ALL YOUR VEHICLES/TRUCKS OUT ASAP. NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE PARKED IN COOK-OFF AREAS THE ENTIRE DAY ON FRIDAY; YOU WILL CHECK IN AT GATE, FIND YOUR SPOT, DROP OFF AND GO PARK IN DESIGNATED AREAS OUTSIDE COOK-OFF AREA. BE PREPARED TO HAVE WHATEVER YOU NEED TO SET UP UNLOADED FROM VEHICLES/TRUCKS. YOUR TIME IS LIMITED FOR DROP OFF DUE TO SAFETY ISSUES AND THE ABILITY TO GET AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE OR NECESSARY LAW ENFORCEMENT INTO COOK-OFF AREA. THIS WILL HELP WITH MAKING SURE ALL VEHICLES ARE OUT BEFORE THE 6:00 P.M.CUT OFF TIME. NO VEHICLE OF ANY TYPE IS ALLOWED OR WILL BE ALLOWED TO STAY IN COOK-OFF AREA AFTER 6:00 P.M. FRIDAY.

If you normally sleep in your vehicle, you will have to make other arrangements!

REMINDER... spaces will be **approximately** 35' across and 30' deep and **you must be within your assigned location**. If you have more than one space, you must have a pit and cook a brisket for each space. **EACH TEAM IS ONLY ALLOWED TWO (2) SPOTS.**

7. FRIDAY JUDGING TIMES

Most Colorful Contest: Friday, April 3rd @ 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY JUDGING TIMES

Chili & Beans: Saturday, April 4th @ 12:00 noon

(NOTE: One of your team members will be asked to judge chili or beans)

BAR B Q MEATS: Saturday, April 4th @ 2:00 p.m.

8. A team consists of a CHIEF COOK and FOUR (4) ASSISTANTS (over 21 years of age).

9. The carnival parking lot is completely paved and you may not dig holes in the pavement. ALL TENTS REQUIRING STAKES MUST BE IN CEMENTED BUCKETS, OR OTHER MEANS OF STABILIZATION. Fires for BBQ must be wood only, **NO PELLETS**. No electric or gas fires pits will be allowed, except for pinto beans and chili. Fires must be contained in a fire barrel twelve (12) inches below top of barrel that will be up off the ground at least twelve (12) inches. EACH TEAM MUST PROVIDE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

10. If a Wharton County team is not among those placed, the committee will continue to call the next placing, until a Wharton County team is chosen in the Brisket Contest. This team will be the official representatives of the Wharton County Youth Fair in the 2021 Houston Livestock Show Bar-B-Q Cook-Off. A Wharton County trophy will be awarded to this team.

11. JUDGING: BAR-B-QUE entries will be judged on COLOR, TASTE, AROMA and TEXTURE. Most Colorful will be judged on ORIGINALITY, COLOR, PIT, COSTUME and AREA. Most Colorful will be restricted to five (5) team members plus five (5) guests, a total of ten (10) per team.

12. The Wharton County Youth Fair & Exposition will not be held responsible for theft or damages to equipment or personal items.

13. The Bar-B-Que committee chairperson reserves the right to make additional rules and regulations as situations may warrant.

14. The chief cook is responsible for the conduct of his team. Each team is responsible before, during and after the cook-off in cleaning up assigned area. Please do not leave any loose or bagged trash at or around your assigned space. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TRASH BAGS AND TRASH CANS.

15. Each team is allowed space for a pit, plus sleeping quarters, consisting of a motor home, pull trailer, or tent in the assigned space. No electricity or water is provided. **NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED IN COOK-OFF AREA AFTER 6:00 P.M. FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd, UNTIL THE COOK-OFF IS OVER ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4th after awards. PLEASE CONTACT COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS. VIOLATORS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED----NO QUESTIONS ASKED.**

In case of Emergency, contact a committee person.

Family and friends must park in the designated fair grounds parking area and enter through the main entrance only.

16. Any special entertainment (DJ or band) must be written on entry form. The band must be in the cookoff site by 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 3rd, and will not be allowed to leave until 1:00 a.m. Saturday morning. DJ equipment must be carried out at that time NO VEHICLES allowed in to move out a band or DJ. Security will escort the band out of the cook-off area. The band must follow these rules. No Exceptions. EACH BAND MEMBER MUST PAY TO ENTER THE COOK-OFF SITE.

17. All teams must submit original signed entry form with the \$150 entry fee. Entry fee is non-refundable. Entries will be limited to the first 92 teams. NO MORE THAN two (2) spots per team. To ensure your spot from last year, your entry must be at the Fair Office no later than Monday, March 16th. The BBQ Committee will try to accommodate your request, however there are no guarantees.

18. Persons under twenty-one (21) years of age will not be eligible to enter the cook-off contest.

19. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. NO BEER CAN BE SOLD BY TEAMS. All beer must be brought in during check in Friday, April 3rd. The Beer Garden will be open and accessible to the public. **COUNTY CONNECTION WILL BE SELLING BEER. ICE WILL BE AVAILABE AS WELL.**

20. NO GLASS CONTAINERS ARE ALLOWED. TABC laws will be enforced at all times.

21. Under no circumstances will any contestant or member of the public be allowed to bring into the cookoff contest area golf carts, motorcycles, carts, bicycles, roller skates or any other type of transportation with the exception of wheelchairs for handicapped individuals.

22. NO PETS ALLOWED.

23. Teams will be placed according to receipt of entry. If you want to be next to a particular team, or in the same space as last year, please indicate on entry form.

24. Infractions of any of the above rules will be grounds for immediate disqualification.

25. ADMISSION GATE will open at 3:00 on Friday. Season passes and cook-off armbands will be sold at check in gate.

26. Armbands will not be mailed. THEY CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE FAIR OFFICE Friday, March 27 from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

AWARDS: 1st - 10th place plaques will be awarded in each cooking category.

1st - 3rd place will be awarded in Most Colorful. First place will receive a \$500 Certificate, which can be redeemed for cash at the fair office.

1st place Beans, Chili, Ribs & Chicken will receive a certificate for one entry into the 2021 WCYF BBQ Cook Off. The 1st place Wharton County Brisket team will be awarded \$1000 and WCYF will pay the entry fee for the HLS&R. The entry is done online but the winner must make sure the Fair office has current email and phone number for the chief cook. The 2nd place team will be allowed free entry for the 2021 WCYF cook-off.